REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim Amendments

Claims 1 to 9 are all amended and pending. The claims have been amended to replace "header and permeate collection means" with "apparatus" in their preambles. The Applicants submit that these amendments enhance the clarity of the claims by, for example, omitting the use of "permeate collection means" in both the preamble and part (d) of claim 1. The applicants submit that these amendments do not add any new matter and that the claims are allowable.

Respectfully submitted,

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